

# **Harold C. Feightner collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Feightner, Harold C., 1862-1969
<b>Title</b>	Harold C. Feightner collection
<b>Date</b>	1850-1968
<b>Extent</b>	1.5 Cubic feet 4 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Harold C. Feightner collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Harold C. Feightner was born on December 6, 1892 to Reuben and Mary Feightner in Huntington County, Indiana. Harold graduated from Union Township High School in 1911. While in high school, Feightner spent two three month terms at Valpraiso University in 1909 and 1910. After graduating high school, he became a writer for the *Hungtinton Press*, then worked as a police reporter in Chicago in 1912. He also wrote articles for multiple newspapers nationwide, including the *New York Times*, during the height of Ku Klux Klan activity in Indianaplis. In 1919 Feightner married Huntington school teacher, Grace Ream.

Feightner spent two years in the Indiana National Guard. He was discharged as a second lietenant after the armistice in 1918. After his military service, Feightner joined the Indianapolis star, starting at the copy desk then moving to city hall reporter. He worked briefly as publicity director for the Democratic party before becoming editor of the *Indiana Daily Times* the (later *Indianapolis Times*), then managing editor until the newspaper was purchased by Scripps-Howard. From 1922 to 1934 he worked as a legislative and political reporter for the *Indianapolis News*, and finally as executive director of the Indiana Brewers Association until his retirement in 1967.

During his time as executive director, Feightner wrote two histories, "Preachers, Politics and Prohibition" and "Politics, Prohibition and Reapeal in Indiana."

Feightner died on August 13, 1969.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes transcripts, newspapers and correspondence from Harold C. Feightner in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1930 to 1968 regarding Indiana alcohol laws. The transcripts include Feightner's notable works "Politics, Prohibition and Repeal 1938," and "Pulpits and Politics 1850-1908." This collection also includes papers and clippings regarding Ku Klux Klan activity in Indianapolis and the Anti-Saloon League.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Harold C. Feightner in 1972.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana Anti-Saloon League.
- Indiana Brewers Association.
- Indiana General Assembly.
- Ku Klux Klan (1915-).

## **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

## **Personal Name(s)**

- Jackson, Edward L., 1873-1954
- McCray, Warren T. (Warren Terry), 1865-1938
- Stephenson, David Curtis (1891-1966)

## **Subject(s)**

- Alcohol--Indiana--Law and legislation--20th century
- Prohibition
- Temperance

## Alcoholic Beverage Pricing and Tax documents, 1946/11/24

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Codified Alcoholic Beverage Statutes documents, 1966/01/01 (folder 1 of 4)	1	1
Codified Alcoholic Beverage Statutes documents, 1966/01/01 (folder 2 of 4)	1	2
Codified Alcoholic Beverage Statutes documents, 1966/01/01 (folder 3 of 4)	1	3
Codified Alcoholic Beverage Statutes documents, 1966/01/01 (folder 4 of 4)	1	4
Indiana Brewers Association "Close Out" documents, 1967/04/06	1	5
<b>Alcoholic Beverage Pricing and Tax documents, 1946/11/24</b>	<b>Box</b> 1	<b>Folder</b> 6
Indiana Brewers Association Taxes documents, 1963-1966	1	7
"Churches and Alcohol" documents, 1965/03/15	1	8
Correspondence, 1945 December-1966 January	1	9
Personal letters, articles and newspaper clippings, 1931-1968	1	10

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Alcoholic beverage history, undated (folder 1 of 4)	2	1
Alcoholic beverage history, undated (folder 2 of 4)	2	2
Alcoholic beverage history, undated (folder 3 of 4)	2	3
Alcoholic beverage history, undated (folder 4 of 4)	2	4
Scrapbook clippings, undated	2	5
Advertising, 1948 May-1952 March	3	1
19th Regional Code Board minutes and financial statements, 1933-1935	3	2
19th Regional Code Board minutes and financial statements, 1933-1935	3	3
Pamphlets, 1936-1968	3	4
"Pences and Piety Until After the Revolutionary War" manuscript draft, undated	3	5
"Politics, Prohibition, and Repeal" manuscript draft, 1938-1966	3	6
"Pulpits and Politics" manuscript draft, 1850-1908	3	7
"Preachers, Politics, and Prohibition" manuscript draft, 1956-1966	3	8



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"For National Defense" booklet, 1941	3	9
"Recodification of Statutes" documents, 1965 August-1965 September	3	10
Indiana Traffic Safety Council documents, 1966-1967	3	11
"Pledges, Petition, and Prayers from Revolutionary War until 1850" manuscript draft, 1956-1966	3	12
Prohibition documents, undated	3	13
Alcoholic Beverage Laws in General Assembly documents, 1965	3	14
Feightner biography, undated	3	15
Ku Klux Klan papers 1921-1932	4	1
D. C. Stephenson newspaper clippings, undated	4	2
Ed Jackson, Secretary of State documents, undated	4	3
T. McCray notes and newspaper clippings, 1920-1924	4	4
Township government correspondence, 1932	4	5
Ku Klux Klan, bank scandals, and Kokomo newspaper clippings, 1927	4	6

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Watson and Robinson and the Ku Klux Klan newspaper clippings, circa 1920s	4	7
Grand Old Party (GOP) state chairman and vice chairman documents, undated	4	8
Ku Klux Klan, Tom Adams, Clyde Walb, Highway "Ripper" Bill newspaper clippings, undated	4	9
Ku Klux Klan in Indianapolis documents, undated	4	10
Ku Klux Klan, Anti-Saloon League documents, undated	4	11
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